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Tikyle Yates, 17, was born with a severe case of Treacher Collins syndrome, which affects bone and tissue development in the face.

‘Wonder’ & awareness

Children born with conditions that obstruct facial development hope popular film will help enlighten people, diminish stigma

By ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS | Chicago Tribune

Tikyle Yates said he wouldn’t cry while watching “Wonder,” yet the 17-year-old’s eyes welled at the film with a protagonist whose atypical face and surgical scars so closely mirror his own.

“It was very emotional,” Yates said after the theater emptied, a few tears still staining his cheeks, which were recently reconstructed during a life-altering surgery. “I’m proud of who I am.”

Based on the best-selling novel of the same title, the drama “Wonder” chronicles the first year of school for 10-year-old Auggie Pullman, who has a form of Treacher Collins syndrome, a rare craniofacial condition that affects the development of bones and other tissues in the face, often including the ears and cheekbones.

Yates, of East Garfield Park, was born



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The film “Wonder” chronicles the first year of school for a boy with Treacher Collins.

with a particularly severe case of the disorder, which rendered him unable to open his mouth more than a sliver until

two rounds of intensive surgery in the last year at Rush University Medical Center. Since then, the Whitney Young Magnet High School senior has eaten food for the first time after subsisting on the meal replacement drink Ensure for much of his life. He is able to breathe better and is learning to speak more clearly.

Yet the teen sometimes still wears a hoodie to conceal his profile from strangers, who often stare at his facial structure and then quickly look away.

Many kids with craniofacial anomalies and their families are hopeful the burgeoning popularity of “Wonder” — which unexpectedly collected an estimated \$27 million its first weekend in theaters — could allay some of the social stigma

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Mosque attack kills 235 in Egypt

At least 109 injured as Islamic militants attack during Friday prayers

By BRIAN ROHAN AND SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO — In the deadliest-ever attack by Islamic extremists in Egypt, militants assaulted a crowded mosque Friday during prayers, blasting helpless worshippers with gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades and blocking their escape routes. At least 235 people were killed before the assailants got away.

The attack in the troubled northern part of the Sinai Peninsula targeted a mosque frequented by Sufis, members of a mystic movement within Islam. Islamic militants, including the local affiliate of the Islamic State group, consider Sufis heretics because of their less literal interpretations of the faith.

The bloodshed in the town of Bir al-Abd also wounded at least 109, according to the state news agency. It offered the latest sign that, despite more than three years of fighting in Sinai, the Egyptian government has failed to deter an Islamic State-led insurgency.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi vowed that the attack “will not go unpunished” and that Egypt would persevere with its war on terrorism. But he did not specify what new steps might be taken.

The military and security forces have already been waging a tough campaign against militants in the towns, villages and desert mountains of Sinai, and Egypt has been in a state of emergency for months. Across the country, thousands have been arrested in a crackdown on suspected Islamists as well as against other dissenters and critics, raising concern about human rights violations.

Seeking to spread the violence, militants over the past year have carried out deadly bombings on churches in the capital of Cairo

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The Rev. Tom Royer celebrates Mass in English and Spanish at the Church of St. Mary in Champaign while others contribute in Q’anjob’al, a Mayan language that’s spoken by hundreds in the area.

Mayan language poses hurdle in immigration proceedings

By COLLEEN CONNOLLY
Chicago Tribune

In June 2016, Lucia crossed the border with her 3-year-old daughter into Texas. Their journey from Santa Eulalia, Guatemala — on foot and by bus — took nearly a month to complete.

For Lucia — who now lives in Champaign and said she was fleeing an abusive relationship — it was worth it. “*Aquí la vida es*

bien,” she said, in halting, imperfect Spanish. *Here life is good.*

Lucia, who asked that her last name not be used because she is living in the United States illegally and is in deportation proceedings, is one of about 550 people in the Champaign-Urbana area who speak Q’anjob’al, one of Guatemala’s more than 20 indigenous Mayan languages. But with interpreters of uncommon languages like Q’anjob’al in short supply, effectively

representing native speakers in immigration court can be challenging.

“When we don’t have a decent interpreter who can communicate with them, and then you know you have to rely on a family member or someone in the community and you’re asking these questions about prior gender violence or family violence, you’re not necessarily

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On Black Friday, less clamor, more computer

Day of big deals loses in-store shine as online buying obscures ritual

By LAUREN ZUMBACH,
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Chicago Tribune

Black Friday has long brought to mind images of shoppers busting through doors at the crack of dawn, elbowing their way to the latest toy or deeply discounted TV.

A new image, however, may be more fitting: Consumers lounging at home in their pajamas, coffee and credit card in hand, as they shop from smartphones and tablets.

Bricks-and-mortar stores across the Chicago area still drew many consumers Friday — shoppers who sought to continue family traditions, see items in person before buying or just enjoy some activity on what otherwise might be a sleepy day off from work. But online sales also continued to grow, especially on mobile devices.

About 60 percent of Chicagoans who took part in a recent Deloitte survey said they planned to use smartphones to make purchases this holiday season, compared with 37 percent last year. And for the first time, Chicago shoppers expect to spend more

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Black Friday shopper Lanoria Campbell headed to a bricks-and-mortar Target store in Chicago to purchase heavily discounted TVs.

